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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-25. *Cancel without prejudice or disclaimer*

26. (New) A system, comprising:

a CD player that produces an audio signal;

a memory unit for storing one or more templates; and

a recognition processor, coupled to said CD player and to said memory unit, for receiving said audio signal, generating templates from said audio signal, and comparing said generated templates to said one or more templates stored in said memory unit.

27. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein if one of said generated templates matches one of said one or more templates stored in said memory unit, said CD player is caused to automatically skip to a next song.

28. (New) The system of claim 27, wherein a template is a digital representation of a sample of an audio signal.

29. *(New)* A system, comprising:

at least one control panel;

means for producing an audio signal;

a speaker system, coupled to said audio signal producing means, for emitting sound associated with said audio signal;

means for generating a template from said audio signal;

means for determining whether a user of the system has activated a predetermined push button or buttons provided on said at least one control panel; and

adding means for adding said template to at least one of two or more sets of templates, wherein said adding means adds said template to said at least one of said two or more sets of templates if said determining means determines that said user has activated said predetermined push button or buttons.

30. *(New)* The system of claim 29, wherein said means for producing an audio signal is a tuner that receives a signal transmitted from a radio station and produces said audio signal from said signal.

31. *(New)* The system of claim 29, wherein said means for producing an audio signal is a compact disc player.

32. (*New*) In a sound system having at least one control panel, a method for adding a template to a set of templates, comprising:

producing an audio signal;

generating the template from said audio signal;

determining whether a user of the system has indicated a dislike of the content associated with said audio signal; and

adding said template to the set of templates if said determining means determines that said user has indicated a dislike of the content associated with said audio signal.

33. (*New*) The method of claim 32, wherein the step of determining whether a user of the system has indicated a dislike of the content associated with said audio signal comprises the step of determining whether a user of the system has activated a predetermined push button or buttons provided on the at least one control panel.

34. (*New*) In a sound system having at least one control panel, a method for adding a template to a set of templates, comprising:

producing an audio signal;

generating the template from said audio signal;

determining whether a user of the system has indicated a listening preference for the content associated with said audio signal; and

adding said template to the set of templates if said determining means determines that said user has indicated a listening preference for the content associated with said audio signal.

35. (*New*) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of determining whether a user of the system has indicated a listening preference for the content associated with said audio signal comprises the step of determining whether a user of the system has activated a predetermined push button or buttons provided on the at least one control panel.